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"Straw Hat Bandit"
South Strabane Township, Pennsylvania
June 16, 2013

UNKNOWN BANK ROBBER



DESCRIPTION

Height: 5'9" to 6'0"

Sex: Male

Build: Medium

Age: 20 to 30 years old

Remarks: The robber was wearing a mask, a large straw hat with a blue band and floppy brim, and carried an open umbrella.

Vehicle Information: The suspect drove a small-to-mid-sized white four-door sedan.

Weapon Used: Silver revolver, likely an older model .32 caliber

CAUTION

FBI Pittsburgh, the Pennsylvania State Police and South Strabane Police are working to find the killer of a Washington, Pennsylvania, man who was shot and killed on Father's Day, June 16, 2013, as he tried to stop a bank robber at the Strabane Square shopping center. The suspect entered the Giant Eagle supermarket around 2:20 p.m. wearing a mask, a large straw hat with a blue band and floppy brim, and an open umbrella. He jumped over the teller counter, showed a silver revolver, likely an older model .32 caliber, and left with a bag of money. Police described the suspect as in his 20s or 30s, between 5 feet 9 and 6 feet in height and of medium build. His race is unknown because most of his skin was covered. The robber parked away from the store entrance, near the pharmacy drive-through area, apparently to be close to an exit from the parking lot. Police said he drove a "small-to-mid-sized" white four-door sedan south on Route 19 after leaving the shopping center and was last spotted just north of the interchange with I-70.

Vincent Kelley, 46, was killed in the shooting when he tried to stop the robber. Mr. Kelley had been grocery shopping with a friend when he witnessed the robbery and chased the robber into the parking lot and struggled with him inside of the robber's car. He was killed after being shot several times during the struggle. South Strabane police said a red dye pack placed in the money bag exploded inside of the getaway car, creating a cloud of smoke. Authorities are asking any motorists who may have seen a car fitting that description, driving erratically or filled with red smoke on Route 19 or Interstates 70 or 79 to call South Strabane police at 724-350-2965. In addition to creating red smoke, the dye pack, upon explosion, would have caused burns and other irritation to the suspect or anyone in the car with him and stains on the hands of anyone who handled the money. Anyone who knows someone with burns or red stains on their hands should report it, as well as any auto

shop that may be asked to clean a car with red stains on the interior. Police would also like anyone who took cell phone photos or video of the incident inside the Giant Eagle or outside in the parking lot to provide it to police.

SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS

Anyone with information is asked to contact either the South Strabane Police at 724-350-2965 or the FBI Pittsburgh Office at 412-432-4000.

If you have any information concerning this case, please contact your local FBI Office or the nearest American Embassy or Consulate. You can also submit a tip at: tips.fbi.gov

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